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ALLOCATION OF AGENDA ITEMS TO THE FIRST COMMITTEE

Letter dated 19 September 1997 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the First Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 4th plenary meeting of its fifty-second session pertaining to the allocation of items to the First Committee.

I wish to draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the report of the General Committee (A/52/250). Those recommendations were approved by the General Assembly, also at its 4th plenary meeting.

May I also draw your attention to paragraph 40 and the relevant part of paragraph 49 of the report (A/52/250) concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

I earnestly request your cooperation in these matters.

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ANNEX

Allocation of items to the First Committee

1. Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament obligations (item 62).

2. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification (item 63).

3. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (item 64).

4. Reduction of military budgets (item 65):

   (a) Reduction of military budgets;

   (b) Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures.

5. The role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament (item 66).

6. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East (item 67).

7. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in South Asia (item 68).

8. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (item 69).

9. Prevention of an arms race in outer space (item 70).

10. General and complete disarmament (item 71):

    [The General Assembly decided that the relevant paragraphs of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/52/285), which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 14, should be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 71.]

    (a) Notification of nuclear tests;

    (b) Small arms;

    (c) Transparency in armaments;

    (d) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

    (e) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament: report of the Preparatory Committee for the Fourth Special Session of the General Assembly Devoted to Disarmament;

(f) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(g) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(h) Measures to curb the illicit transfer and use of conventional arms;

(i) Prohibition of the dumping of radioactive wastes;

(j) Regional disarmament;

(k) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(l) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;

(m) Nuclear disarmament;

(n) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(o) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(p) Non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and of vehicles for their delivery in all its aspects.

11. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly (item 72):

(a) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(b) Regional confidence-building measures;

(c) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons.

12. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session (item 73):

(a) Report of the Disarmament Commission;

(b) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(c) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(d) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research.

13. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East (item 74).

14. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (item 75).

15. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region (item 76).

16. Implementation of the Declaration of the Indian Ocean as a Zone of Peace (item 77).

17. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) (item 78).

18. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty (item 79).

19. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction (item 80).

20. Maintenance of international security (item 81).

21. Review of the implementation of the Declaration on the Strengthening of International Security (item 82).

22. Rationalization of the work and reform of the agenda of the First Committee (item 83).